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Time To Curb Loose Talk

Regardless of political leanings, Americans generally should thoroughly agree with Rep. George Mahon (D-Fla.) that there has been too much loose talk in high places concerning American intelligence.

In this tense world it is necessary for our top leaders to know what is going on but there is no reason to disclose information which is vital to national security. Our people should be informed of everything we know

provided national security isn't involved.

There has been an unfortunate tendency in recent months for opponents of the Kennedy Administration to disclose information which has come to them and which might better be kept in confidence.

President Kennedy was reported yesterday as extremely pleased with Rep. Mahon's speech in the House calling for greater discretion.

Our foreign relations, especially as far as Cuba is concerned, should not be made a partisan issue. A good example of what has been wrong was given by Rep. Bob Wilson (R-Calif.) when he announced that he had called on Defense Secretary McNamara to tell the American people whether or not the Soviet ships which have been arriving in Cuba ostensibly to remove Russian personnel from the island hadn't in fact been landing more missiles there. How low can you get?

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